GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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EXPORT OF MOLASSES/FRUITS/VEGETABLES
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether export of molasses, fruits and vegetables seeds has declined during the last two years;

(b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken to increase the exports of these items?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a): Yes Sir.

(b): The import of seeds into India was restricted by certain changes in the Plant Quarantine guidelines. As a result import of stock seeds (parent seeds) used for multiplication was restricted. Consequently the production of exportable seeds decreased. Appreciation of value of Indian rupee vis-Ã -vis the US dollar and higher air freight costs are other reasons for a decline in exports.

(c): Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) operates various schemes under which financial assistance is provided to the exporters for market development, infrastructure development, quality development, research and development and transportation.